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Assemblymember, 49th Assembly District

Women's History Month Leadership Awards

Saturday, March 15, 2014 10:30am – 12:00pm

San Gabriel Padilla Room

324 Mission Drive, San Gabriel, CA 91776

Welcome Remarks

Mayor Juli Costanzo, City of San Gabriel

Introduction of Honorees:

Assemblymember Ed Chau

Honorees:

Patsy Harbicht
Community Volunteer
President, Alpha Auxilliary, Methodist Hospital

Rebecca Huang
Founder, Friends of the Bad Weather Shelter
Student, East Los Angeles Community College

Floretta Lauber
Co-Founder/President
Arcadia Historical Museum Foundation

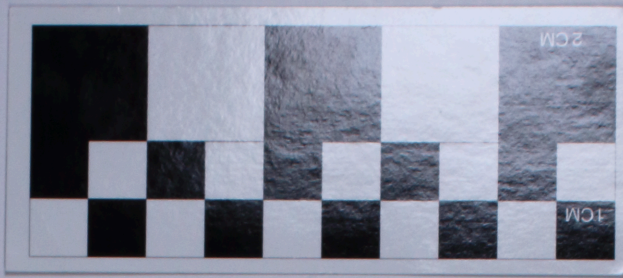
Olivia Liao
President
Joint Chinese University Alumni Association

Rita Padilla
Chairwoman, Board of Directors
Temple City Chamber of Commerce

Franca Scorscone
Financial Secretary
Italian Catholic Federation Branch 326

Amy Wong
Committee Member
Rosemead Beautification Committee

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Honorees Bios

Patsy Harbicht

Patsy Harbicht has served our community for numerous years in many different capacities. She currently serves as a Girl Scout Leader, President of the Alpha Auxiliary at the Methodist Hospital, President of the Monrovia Guild of Children's Hospital, and President of Children's Home Society. She has also volunteered for the Los Angeles County Arboretum for over 30 years, leading school tours and serving on the Preservation Committee. As the wife of Arcadia Council Member Bob Harbicht, Patsy has been the support and advisor to his 20 years on the Arcadia City Council.

Chua Hua

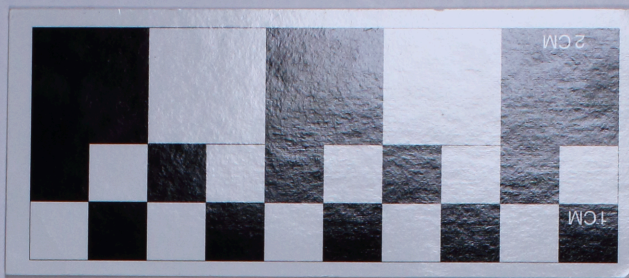
Chua Hua was born in Vietnam and emigrated to the United States in 1975 with her entire family. Ms. Chua supported her family by working as a factory worker for 28 years. She has served on various capacities in the community, including organizing the "Fukienese Youth Los Angeles" to engage young people in the Fukienese community to be more involved and culturally aware of their heritage. She helped set up scholarships for high school students entering into college. In 2010, she was elected as the first female president of the Southern California Fukienese Association and was reelected again in 2012.

Rebecca Huang

Rebecca Huang is currently a student at East Los Angeles Community College and has already contributed greatly to her community. Ms. Huang is the founder of the Friends of the Bad Weather Shelter and works with the Friends in Deed/ECPAC. Her work with Friends of the Bad Weather Shelter and Friends in Deed propelled her to seek out key supporters and launch a successful public relations campaign to raise money for the shelter. Rebecca was also able to pull together key partnerships and sponsors to help with awareness and fundraising. In less than three years, Rebecca and her friends have raised nearly \$45,000 to sustain a critical lifesaving program for the most vulnerable people in the San Gabriel Valley.

Floretta Lauber

Floretta Lauber has been involved with her local community for over 50 years. She is known for her passion and dedication to her community and in getting the job done. Floretta was the first woman to ever serve on the Arcadia City Council and was the first female Mayor for the City of Arcadia. She is also the first woman to be appointed to the Arcadia Planning Commission, where she served 8 years. Floretta is the co-founder of the Arcadia Senior Citizen's Commission and the Alpha Auxiliary for Visiting Nurses (connected to the Methodist Hospital Foundation). She is also the founder of the Arcadia Historical Museum Foundation, where she serves as President and spearheaded a fundraising effort that raised \$500,000 for the construction of a Museum Education Center.



Olivia Liao

Olivia Liao was born in Keelung City, Taiwan and is a graduate of Fu Jen Catholic University and University of Wisconsin. Olivia has been involved in the community for a number of years. Since 1996, Olivia has served on the Board of Directors for the Alumni Association of National Taichung Girl's Senior High School and the Alumni Association of Fu Jen Catholic University in Southern California where she dedicated her time and effort in organizing community service events and strengthening the bridge between California and Asia. Olivia currently serves as President of the Joint Chinese University Alumni Association of Southern California where she organized the JCUAA Job Fair, community and outreach events, and fundraising for various charitable causes.

Rita Padilla

Rita Padilla is a longtime resident of Temple City and currently serves as the Chairperson of the Board of Directors for the Temple City Chamber of Commerce. Rita is a familiar presence as a volunteer and supporter of many community organizations, like the Blue Star Banner program recognizing our men and women in military service and the Mayor's Strategic Planning Task Force. She is also involved with various organizations including the Arcadia Association of Realtors and California Association of Realtors while penning her monthly column on real estate, "Rely on Rita."

Franca Scorsone

Franca Scorsone was born in Tuscany, Italy before migrating to the United States with her family. Franca worked in retail sales all her life before retirement. Since retirement, Franca tirelessly volunteers her time to various community efforts. Currently, she serves as the Financial Secretary for the Italian Catholic Federation, Branch 326 and is involved with many organizations including the San Gabriel Valley Friends of Foster Children, Women's Club of Temple City, and the Historical Society for Temple City.

Amy Wong

Amy Wong is a longtime resident of Rosemead and has been a tireless volunteer for the community. In 2009, when the City of Rosemead was building its 9/11 memorial, Amy single-handedly raised more than \$14,000 for the project. She is also instrumental in registering potential bone marrow donors on behalf of sick patients. Amy was also incredibly involved in Rosemead Beautification Committee and the Rosemead Lunar New Year Family Festival and was instrumental in getting a large number of businesses and community members to contribute and getting them involved. Amy is a familiar presence at many events through her activism and dedication to the community.